COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)

CRC MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING NO. 3 AND SPECIAL MEETING: Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:30 pm

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Agenda

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC), called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. She reviewed the process for the public to select either English or Spanish access to interpreters.

She also explained that Thai V. Le, LA County CRC Clerk, was unable to be present for Public Hearing No. 3. Instead, Charlotte Maure and Heather Sims of KH Consulting Group handled the public hearing logistics for public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

LA County CRC's Resolution No. 2021-02 enables the

Commission to meet virtually in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Commission may continue to teleconference its meeting without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 because of COVID- 19 pandemic and health issues.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough took roll call. A quorum was present.

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher

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Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA - CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

The agenda was accepted.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

<u>4a. Public Hearing on Two DRAFT Maps and Discussion of Map Options, including Commissioners'</u>
<u>observations and suggested modifications, and Potential Direction to ARCBridge/Staff Regarding Map</u>
<u>Modifications — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams</u>

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough presented a visualization of the original two maps – Map Option B-1 and Map Option F –proposed for Public Hearing No. 3 by the Commissioners:

Original Map Option B-1 and Map Option F for Public Comment

Las opciones del mapa de redistribución de distritos







In compliance with Elections Code section 21534, subd. (c)(4)(B).), the current two map options (labeled as Map B-1 and Map F) are posted on the LA County CRC website: https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/. They can also be found on the redistricting hub (https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/)

Map details in a PDF format are posted at:

- Supervisorial District Map B-1
- Supervisorial District Map F

NOTE: Members of the public interested in viewing submitted plans in the redistricting mapping software can follow the instructions in this <u>video</u> once logged into the <u>redistricting mapping software</u>. Viewing the submitted plans in the mapping software allows for a more in-depth exploration of the plans, including identifying specific communities and cities. Members of the public can also use the software to save their own version of the draft maps, make modifications, and submit for the public and Commissioners to view. To view the map option details in the ESRI Layer View, use these links:

- Supervisorial District Map B-1 (Esri Layer View)
- Supervisorial District Map F (Esri Layer View)

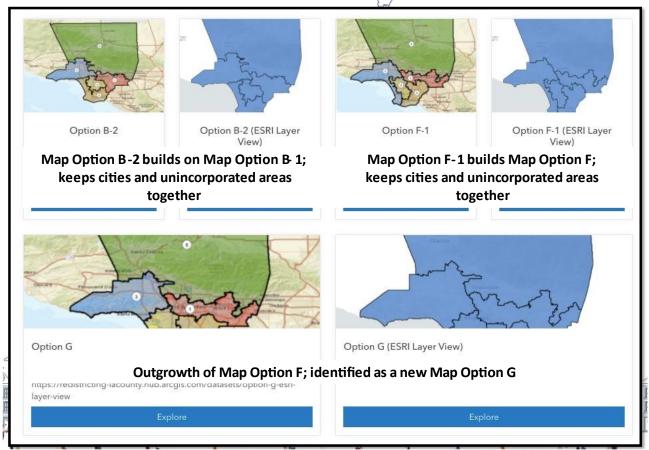
The <u>Scorecard of Map Options</u> on the map options is posted on the LA County CRC website and redistricting map hub as well. The <u>Scorecard of all Maps Submitted</u> is also available there.

AMENDED 4a: At the Special Meeting on November 29, 2021, the Commissioners voted to include in Public Hearing No. 3 additional draft map options for further public input and discussion: Map Options Map B-2, Map F-1, and Map G

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough presented a visualization of the three draft maps added – Map Option Map B-2, Map Option Map F-1, and Map Option G –proposed for Public Hearing No. 3 by the Commissioners:







In compliance with Elections Code section 21534, subd. (c)(4)(B).), the additional draft map options (labeled as Option Map B-2, Option Map F-1, Option Map G) are posted on the LA County CRC website: https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/. They can also be found on the redistricting hub (https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/)

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- Supervisorial District Map B-2
- Supervisorial District Map F-1



Supervisorial District Map G

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- Supervisorial District Map G (Esri Layer View)

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Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough also provided information, prepared by ARCBridge, regarding cities and unincorporated areas that are still split for further consideration for keeping them together.

Map Option	Split Cities and Unincorporated Areas
Map B-2	Los Angeles - Longwood
	Unincorporated - Covina (Charter Oak)
Map F-1	Los Angeles - Westchester
	Unincorporated - Covina
	Unincorporated - Covina (Charter Oak)
	 Unincorporated - Miracle Mile
	 Unincorporated - Northeast San Gabriel
Map G	Unincorporated - Covina
	Unincorporated - Covina (Charter Oak)
	 Unincorporated - Northeast San Gabriel

Public comment – see recordings on "VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED" at the start of the minutes:

The LA County CRC is committed to receiving all public comment on redistricting map options. *To give a fair opportunity for those who wished to make a comment orally, the Commission received oral public comment from anyone who submitted a request to speak by 8:00 p.m. at the Public Hearing.* The Commission also welcomes written public comments at any time.



The public were encouraged to provide written public comment—including map preferences and suggestions for modifying a map or maps—by using the public comment form on the Commission's website: www.redistricting.lacounty.gov.

Abbreviations Used:

- SGV = San Gabriel Valley
- SFV = San Fernando Valley
- NC = Neighborhood Councils
- SD = Supervisorial District
- 1. Stuart Waldman, VICA Supports Map G; add Sylmar back into SFV; check Neighborhood Councils had provided shape files for SFV (check audio discussion about where adjustments could be made)
- 2. Amy Wong, Active SGV Supports Map F-1 (check audio discussion about where adjustments could be made); rejects Map B-2 and Map G
- 3. Liz Garcia, City of Commerce Supports Map B-1
- 4. Isabel Gonzalez, SD 1 Supports Map F-1; Pico Rivera and others are similar to East LA and should be in SD 1
- 5. Adele Andrade-Stalder, Alhambra Supports Map G, SGV diversity; likes not being lumped together; likes 2 SDs
- 6. Dr. Regina Smith SD 2 resident; supports Map F-1 and supports Map G with modifications to include Carson and Cal State Dominguez Hills
- 7. Mayor Joe Vinatieri, City of Whitter Supports Map G that keeps the Gateway Cities together (along 605 and 710 freeway Long Beach and north to Whittier Hills and La Puente Hills SE corner of Los Angeles County)
- 8. Mike Gomez, El Monte Supports Map G; likes structure because of different socio-economic factors in SGV
- 9. Roslyn Warren, Silver Lake opposes Map B-2; supports Map G
- 10. Steven Ortega Former resident of SD 1/East LA; do not consider Map B-2; keep COIs together
- 11. Jesse Saucedo Eagle Rock; serves on Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council; opposes Map B2; supports Map G
- 12. Chris Rowe wants SFV to be whole, including northern portions to handle disasters (e.g., Aliso Canyon)
- 13. John Mora, Mayor, City of Santa Fe Springs Supports Map G; align with Long Beach and Gateway Cities
- 14. Kevin Jackson Deputy City Manager for City of Long Beach; glad Long Beach is in one SD; have a diverse coalition to keep Long Beach together; all maps keep Long Beach together



- 15. Paul Krekorian, City Councilmember, Los Angeles City 3rd generation SFV resident; consider consolidating SFV more than in the map options under consideration (transportation, air/water quality, public housing, etc. issues) Likes Map 78 SFV boundaries are the mountains PLUS Burbank and Glendale
- 16. Erika Jimenez Boyle Heights, keep SD 1 intact; prefers Map F-1 that represents Latinx community; Pico Rivera, and Montebello should be in SD 1; do not consider Map B-2
- 17. Reina Schmitz supports Map G; oppose Map B-2 and Map F-1 for SGV; involved with UC hospitals
- 18. Sandra Guzman SD 1 community leader; supports Map F-1
- 19. Diem Ha Pomona, supports Map G; wants Pomona in SD 1; opposes Map B-2
- 20. Michelle Aranda Coss SD 1 stakeholder; wants Map F-1 for COI (add Commerce, Pico Rivera, Montebello)
- 21. Martin Castro Montebello (works and lives there); CEO of Mexican American Opportunity Center in Montebello; favors Map G with Montebello in SD 1
- 22. Bryan Cook, Temple City Temple City in SD 5 and likes the collaboration with SD 5 stakeholders; likes Map
- 23. Cynthia Sternquist, Mayor Pro Tem of Temple City; likes Map G; represent seniors in Temple City who support Map G
- 24. Yolanda Murrieta, Eastside Hub supports Map F-1 (Pico Rivera, Montebello, and Commerce needs to be together shared culture and traditions)
- 25. An(n) Le Little Tokyo Service Center; oppose Map B-2 and Map G; support Map F-1 with modifications shift borders to make Korea Town, Chinatown, and Thai Town whole; Korea Town can be in SD 2 if needed; redraw Montebello and Pico Rivera
- 26. Kristian Cardenas Lincoln Heights in SD 1; Map F-1 is best map with modifications to keep COIs together (Eastside Montebello, Pico Rivera) remove northern wealthier communities; opposes Map B-2, which has packing for minorities
- 27. Elijah Flores Boyle Heights; likes Map F-1 Keep Montebello, Commerce, and Pico Rivera in SD 1 for Latinx representation; reject Map B-1
- 28. Wade Major, Malibu resident Public Works, 15,000 residents had a power outage over Thanksgiving; promotes Map B-2; Santa Monica wants to be part of the Santa Monica Mountains to the north but also wants to be part of the beach communities to the south impossible to do both
- 29. Josue Alvarado, Whittier resident former Councilmember of Whittier supports Map G for keeping Asian community together remove Whittier from SD to add Pico Rivera and Montebello
- 30. McKenzie Bright, City of Rancho Palos Verdes City Council will take a vote in support of Map B-2 later next week
- 31. Mark Gomez, Panorama City unit SFV; likes Map 78 to unite SFV



- 32. Yolanda Rodriguez, Eastside Hub supports Map F-1 with modifications to include Montebello, Pico Rivera, and Commerce
- 33. Elizabeth Cable, UCLA Student asked about Voting Rights Act (VRA) expertise on the Commission for reviewing the final maps and, if so, will the public have access to such information (Co-Chair Dan Mayeda responded to her question. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided her email in the chat for her and other members of the public to email her. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough can provide the link to the meeting when the VRA report was presented if Elizabeth Cable emails her.)
- 34. Tonya McKenzie, LA County Commissioner in SD 4, living in Beach cities supports Map B-2
- 35. Beatriz Soltero, Eastside Hub likes Map F-1
- 36. Eileen Hupp, President/CEO of Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce active in League of Women's Voters; likes Map B-2; wants to keep Palos Verdes aligned with San Pedro community
- 37. Martha Aguilar, Eastside Hub supports Map F-1 with modifications for Latino representations in SD 1
- 38. Sasha Perez Councilmember from City of La Habra; supports Map G; recognizes differences in communities in SGV foothills and other parts of SGV
- 39. Ebani Abram, LA Voice & The People's Bloc SD 2 resident; supports Map F-1; maintains a Black influence SD; dislikes Map G because little in common with beach communities; keep AAPI community whole
- 40. Daniel Jimenz, Eastside Hub works in East LA; supports Map F-1
- 41. Steven Goldsmith President of Torrance Refinery Action Alliance does not think any of the maps are right; concerned about chemical pollution from refineries in Torrance, Palos Verdes, Watts, and beach communities; keep refineries in one SD (check out the TRAA website)
- 42. David Poster, Redondo Beach part of the refinery group in the Torrance area with dangerous pollution; want to be in the same SD
- 43. Carra, Encino prefers Map G to Map B-2; SFV has no shared interest with Redondo Beach
- 44. Councilmember Nils Nehrenheim, Redondo Beach makes no sense to break up the beach communities in the south bays; issues differ from Malibu. Supports Map B-2
- 45. Brian John (BJ) Barker of SFV Lives in Van Nuys. Prefers Map 78; dislikes the other maps; wants SFV united
- 46. Anna Parra SD 1; likes Map F-1; add Commerce, Pico Rivera, and Montebello; move Azuza and La Habra Heights to other SDs
- 47. Constance Sullivan South Bay residents; Torrance refinery action group. Do not adopt Map F-1. Have nothing to do with SFV. Map B-2 is better. All the refineries are in a single SD.
- 48. Jose Miguel Ruiz Executive Director to distribute food and operates a 2-acre farm; concerned about food insecurity; likes Map G to address food issues



- 49. Paul Parzik, Executive Director with YMCA in Montebello; keep Montebello in SD 1 in Map G favors Map G with Montebello and Commerce in SD 1
- 50. Jerry Velasco City of El Monte resident, former El Monte City Council member; involved in Mexican American Opportunity Foundation; likes Map G
- 51. Alicia Godinez East LA resident; supports Map F-1; wants to be together with SD 1 with shared Latino identity and culture
- 52. Gisela Brigido SD resident; likes Map F-1 with some adjustments; majority of Latino community in SD 1; Montebello, Pico Rivera, and Commerce are similar to East LA
- 53. Marvia Los Angeles resident; no on Map B-1 because it packs Latinos into 2 SDs and lessens voice of African Americans; supports Map F-1 and supports Map G with modifications (keep Carson and Cal State Dominguez Hills with SD 2)
- 54. David Uebersax first-time homeowner in Winnetka; parents live in Van Nuys; involved in LA City Neighborhood Council system; keep SFV whole
- 55. Jessica Panduro SD 1 stakeholder; likes Map F-1; does not dilute the Black vote in SD 2 and has 2 majority minority Latino SDs (unify Commerce, Montebello, and Pico Rivera in SD 1)
- 56. Stephanie Medina SD 1 resident; likes Map F-1 (unify Commerce, Montebello, and Pico Rivera in SD 1)
- 57. Derek Steel, Social Justice Learning Institute SD 2 resident in Inglewood; do not consider Map B-2 concerns about Black voice dilution; do not consider Map G since his community has little to do with beach communities; likes Map B-2
- 58. Ruby Rivera, InnerCity Struggle Likes Map F-1
- 59. Mariana Pacheco, Cerritos College Board of Trustees Likes Map G which keeps the Gateway Cities together
- 60. Steve Zuckerman Mayor of Rolling Hills Estates in Palos Verdes; favors Map B-2 because it adheres to the South Bay boundaries and Council of Governments (COG)
- 61. Barbara Linares, South LA opposes Map B-2 and Map G; likes Map F-1 with LAX as part of SD 2
- 62. Fernando Vasquez former Mayor of City of Downey; supports Map G
- 63. Will Drier Glendale resident; likes Map 78
- 64. Liz Garcia (speaking on behalf of the Mayor Pro Tem) likes Map G; add Commerce back into SD 1; share Sheriff services
- 65. Emmanuel, Community Coalition opposes Map B-2 with 3 SDs with high CVAP of whites; likes Map F-1
- 66. John Lewis, former Mayor and current City Councilmember of City of La Mirada supports Map G to keep Gateway Cities together as a community of interest. This map closely aligns La Mirada with the Gateway Cities which have developed interests and relationships over the years. Splitting these cities into multiple



districts is not good for the cities already together in this Gateway area. These cities work together in the MTA projects like West Santa Ana Branch.

- 67. Julia Rosas of Palos Verdes keep the entire Palos Verdes peninsula together; would like to be included with the Harbor; likes Map B-2
- 68. Maria Ruiz interested in SD 1; supports Map F-1 because it supports working classes; add Pico Rivera, Commerce, and Montebello
- 69. Olivia Barbour from Athens/Westmont area; opposes Map G because of income differentials; opposes Map B-2; supports Map F-1 with addition of LAX in SD 2; Athens and Westmont residents work at LAX; wants to keep USC as a community asset
- 70. Oscar Valladares, Rio Hondo College Board member supports Map G
- 71. Fabiola Argueta lives in East LA and SD 1; likes Map F-1 if Montebello, Commerce, and Pico Rivera are included
- 72. Belen Flores, Community Coalition work in South LA; oppose Map B-2 and Map G; supports Map F-1 and include LAX in SD 2 as an economic engine and environmental hazards to be addressed
- 73. Jacky Contreras, Community Coalition and People's Bloc opposes Map B-2 and Map G; supports Map F-1 (check audio discussion about where adjustments could be made (e.g., SD 1: remove Hacienda Heights, Rolling Heights, and Diamond Bar))
- 74. Candice Cho supports Map F-1 with amendments to respect AAPI and Black communities; move Arcadia and Temple City to SD 1; shift boundaries to keep Korea Town and Thai Town whole (check audio discussion about where adjustments could be made)
- 75. Howard H likes Map 78 for SFV; lives in Sun Valley; have transportation shared interest to unify SFV
- 76. Pamela Riley resident of South-Central LA; opposes Map B-2 and Map G; likes Map F-1; concerned about homeless and economic crisis in South Central LA
- 77. Osvaldo Dominguez City Terrace/East LA resident; dislikes Map B-2
- 78. Cristina Diaz Zamaro lives in Sylmar; likes Map 78 which keeps SFV together; concerned about crime, wildfires, airport noise, transportation
- 79. Kamani Harris, Community Coalition live in Southeast LA; opposes Map B-2; prefers Map F-1 add LAX to SD 2
- 80. Cairo Rodriguez Los Angeles resident modify Map G; approve Map 78 for a united SFV
- 81. Henry Fung commented on his creation of the original Map F and explained the minority percentages across maps (refer to oral recording for details)
- 82. Vanessa Bailey, ECSWANDC Business Representative Opposes Maps Map B-2 and Map G; supports Map F-1 with addition of LAX; different issues from coastal communities



- 83. Jose Cornejo SFV resident; wants to keep SFV together; do not ignore the northern communities in SFV
- 84. Bejan Atashkar downtown resident; likes Map G
- 85. Maria Brenes, InnerCity Struggle likes Map F-1 PLUS add Montebello and Commerce and remove Walnut, Diamond Bar, and Rolling Heights; dislikes Map B-2
- 86. Joseph Roth, Westside Neighborhood Council and Westwood South HOA
- 87. Monique Bacon Coalition of 100 Black Women Chapters; Cal State Dominguez Hills alum; likes Map F-1; must keep Carson in SD 2
- 88. Marcie Guillermo supports Map B-2
- 89. Rosa Soto La Habra and Hacienda Heights are COIs; dislikes Map B-2
- 90. Phone call ending in 5030 (Mark Richardson), Community Coalition member opposes Map B-2 and Map G; likes Map F-1
- 91. Phone call ending in 5338, Community Coalition member Lives in La Mont Area; with Community Coalition; opposes Map B-2 and Map G because they dilute the black and brown communities; supports Map F-1 with addition of LAX in SD 2
- 92. Phone call ending in 5699 Lives in Mar Vista; supports Map F-1 with addition of LAX to SD 2; against Map B-2 and Map G; concerned about redlining
- 93. Oscar Alvarez resident of unincorporated Westmont; opposes Map B-2 because it reduces political power of SD 2; compromises residents' needs
- 94. Phone call ending in 9585 (F. Howard) Community Coalition volunteer; Audubon Middle School children; seek best education and food; working class coalition impacted with COVID-19 and housing costs; opposes Map B-2 and Map G; supports Map F-1 with LAX added
- 95. Phone call ending in 7960 (Carlo L) Organizing with Community Coalition residents have been calling in since 6:30 pm which is unfair; opposes Map B-2 and Map G; supports Map F-1 with LAX added; coastal communities have nothing to do with lower income areas with food insecurity issues
- 96. Beth Washington SFV resident in Burbank; concerned about the current maps; likes Map 78; others dilute the SFV representation on the Board of Supervisors
- 97. Kellie Todd Griffin Carson resident in SD 2; lived in Watts, Inglewood, Hawthorne; opposes removal of Carson from SD 2
- 98. Brandi Murdock Carson resident in SD 2; dislikes Map G; have different needs in SD 2; does not want to lose the historic Black community in SD 2
- 99. Glenn Bailey President of Northridge Neighborhood Council; wants to keep the Neighborhood Councils together check Fwy 118



100. Tim Sanchez – concerned about Map F-1, which packs Latinos and Asians; likes Map 78 with an Asian coalition and African American coalition; same problem with Map B-2

The Commissioners discussed the public's concerns that the individuals who signed up via QA provided their public testimony before those individuals who called in. Co-Chair Dan Mayeda proposed that at the next Public Hearing No. 4 that the public comments begin with the individuals who have called in, followed by those who sign up via QA or raise their hands in the Webinar.

The Commissioners discussed possible considerations for the upcoming special meeting on Sunday, December 5, 2021, 3:00 p.m., which will be more of a workshop format for the Commissioners and reduced time for public comment. Among the topics considered were:

- Inclusion of Montebello, Commerce, Pico Rivera in SD 1 with adjustments to the eastern end of the San Gabriel Valley (Diamond Bar, Walnut, Hacienda Heights, and Rolling Heights)
- Keeping Asian communities whole (e.g., Little Tokyo, Thai Town, and other AAPI communities)
- Discussing concerns (pros/cons) about inclusion of coastal communities in SD 2 and recognizing the current socio-economic diversity within SD 2

Bruce Adelson elaborated further on the Voting Rights Act and racially polarized voting analysis in response to Commissioners Jean Franklin and Saira Soto questions.

Commissioner Hailes Soto suggested that it might be helpful for the Commissioners to get a refresher on the demographics and population changes. He suggested comparing the 2010 Census data with the 2020 Census data, using the existing supervisor district boundaries. In this way, the Commissioners can assess each district's experiences regarding ethnic/race % changes and thus the CVAP % changes.

The Commissioners are aware of the hard decisions ahead of them.

It was agreed to that the two Ad Hoc Working Groups for the map options would reconvene prior to the special meeting on December 5, at 3:00 p.m., to address some of the issues raised, including inclusion of Map OP 078 as part of the refinements for Map Option G.

AGENDA ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough reminded the public about the upcoming special meeting and Public Hearing No. 4:

1. Sunday, December 5, 2021, 3:00 p.m. – Special Meeting



2. Tues., Dec. 7 at 6:30p – Public Hearing No. 4 (Day 30): **Note for Public Hearing:** Public must sign up in the QA by 8:00 p.m. to make oral public comments at Public Hearing No. 4.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT – CO-CHAIR DANIEL MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

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To submit input to the public hearings, including signing up for speaking before the Commission, go to: https://forms.gle/2SDZSxEuKNZ3ZU1KA

